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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office action dated September 10, 2003, Paper No.28,
Applicants wishes to make the following changes to the claims:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7-9, 14, 17-36, and 46-54 without prejudice and amend the claims as follows:

1 2. (Amended) The implantable valve of claim 1, wherein at least a portion
2 of the body of the leaflet being flexible at least proximate the inner edge
3 thereof.

1 4. (Amended) The implantable valve of claim 1 wherein the outer edges
2 of the plurality of leaflets include overhanging material, the overhanging
3 material extending beyond the frame to which the plurality of leaflets are
4 attached.

1 5. (Amended) The implantable valve of claim 1 wherein said frame
2 comprises wire to and around which the bodies of the leaflets are secured.

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